

**ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL COURSES TO  
SATISFY PART OF THE TRAINING REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A  
PEACE OFFICER LICENSE**

**CHAPTER 1024**

H.B. No. 1545

**AN ACT**

**relating to the acceptance of certain high school courses to satisfy part of the training required to obtain a peace officer license.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.1525 to read as follows:

*Sec. 1701.1525. RULES RELATED TO ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT HOURS FOR COMPLETION OF CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL COURSES. (a) The commission shall adopt rules that establish a procedure under which credit hours earned for the successful completion of high school courses that directly relate to law enforcement can be counted toward the hours of training required of an applicant for a peace officer license issued under Section 1701.307.*

*(b) The rules adopted under this section must require that an applicant submit to the commission a high school transcript that indicates the applicant earned an endorsement in the public services category, as described by Section 28.025(c-1), Education Code.*

SECTION 2. (a) Not later than December 1, 2017, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt rules as necessary to comply with Section 1701.1525, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

(b) Section 1701.1525, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for a license submitted to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement on or after the effective date of this Act. An application submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 13, 2017: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

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**APPOINTMENT OF FOSTER PARENTS AND OTHER  
QUALIFIED PERSONS TO SERVE AS EDUCATIONAL  
DECISION-MAKERS FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN IN THE  
CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND  
PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

**CHAPTER 1025**

H.B. No. 1556

**AN ACT**

**relating to the appointment of foster parents and other qualified persons to serve as educational decision-makers for certain children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 29.015, Education Code, is amended to read as follows: